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REMARKS

It has come to the attention of the Applicant that the intended claims of priority were not properly submitted in the present application and, therefore, were not recognized by the USPTO. The amendment to the specification identifies the application as a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/806,970, filed on July 20, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,652,449, which was filed as a 35 U.S.C. §371 application of International Application No. PCT/IL99/00528, filed on October 5, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/167,244, filed on October 6, 1998, now abandoned. This amendment is intended to satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR §1.78(a)(2)(ii). An Application Data Sheet indicating the claims of priority will also be submitted.

A petition to withdraw the application from issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) and the corresponding fee under 37 CFR §1.17(h) is submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith, is a petition under 37 CFR §1.78(a)(3) along with the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t) and a statement that the entire delay in identifying the prior-filed applications was unintentional.

Applicant respectfully request entry of the Amendment and re-issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to deposit account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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